

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. Of: TALLARIDA ET AL

For: VASCULAR SUCTION CANNULA, DILATOR AND SURGICAL STAPLER

DOCKET: STD 98.01 CON

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified continuation application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner, and prior to the calculation of fees.

Kindly cancel claims 1-14 , 23-24 and 28-32, without prejudice.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page // of this paper.